



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: January 12, 2014
Person Contacted: Lauren Demos
NTSB Accident Number: CEN14FA110

Narrative:

Lauren Demos arrived at the accident site with her boss. Barry Rogers was present during the conversation.

Mrs. Demos stated that on the afternoon of January 6, 2014, her husband, Andrew Demos, received a phone call for a flight to either Fargo, North Dakota or Atlanta, Georgia. She has not seen him since January 6, 2014 and they communicated by text messages and not by phone calls. He was to return on a flight to Ohio. Mrs. Demos referenced text messages on her phone. A January 8, 2014, text from her husband said that Royal Air Freight dispatch told him to get a hotel room. A January 9, 2014, text said that he was told him to fly from Ohio to Minneapolis and that he would be in Pontiac at 1800. At 1945, her husband sent a text saying that "this job sucks," which described his frustration with scheduling and that "there was a major lack of communication" from Royal Air Freight. About an hour later, he sent a text saying that the airplane was broken. She stated that his sister had talked to him.

Mrs. Demos said that they had planned a trip to Florida, which they were to depart on January 11, 2014. They had planned to pick up a car rental in Detroit at 0900 and bought airline tickets for the return trip from Florida. She requested time off from her employment about two months before the trip.

Mrs. Demos said that her husband would normal wake up at 0800 – 0830 and would go to bed 2230 – 2300. She did not think he had trouble sleeping while he was in Atlanta.

Mrs. Demos said that the pilot training he received from Royal Air Freight was "relaxed," because they would train him when they "felt like it" or he would "come along for a ride" She felt that the training was not standardized. It took longer for her husband to complete his check

ride. She said that he would get “critiqued” during his training at Royal Air Freight. She said he was accepted and not “defensive about the critiques.

Mrs. Demos said that her husband had said that he felt less safe with flying in Alaska than with Royal Air Cargo. Her husband told her the Royal Air Cargo had one unresolved accident. He thought Royal Air Cargo “pushed things a little.”

Mrs. Demos said that Royal Air Freight called her husband on January 1, 2014, for him to fly a flight that a Learjet could not fly because of weather. She said that her husband went to Royal Air Freight but he did not fly the flight. She did not know who made the decision for him not to fly.

Mrs. Demos said that Royal Air Freight dispatch would be who he would talk to from the company. She did not know the name of the dispatch personnel.

Mrs. Demos was asked to provide the text messages she had and any pilot logbooks, which she agreed to provide.

Mrs. Demos was asked if she wanted to tell us anything that we had not discussed, and she said she did not.

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